

[Advisory Opinion 1995-11]

MEMORANDUM

TO: [Name1 withheld]
Special Operations Division

FROM: Barbara McNally
Executive Secretary, Ethics Commission

SUBJECT: Donation of Computer Equipment

DATE: June 20, 1995

The Ethics Commission has received and reviewed your request for approval to accept a donation from [Name2 withheld], a member of your Tactical Section. You have provided the following information to the Commission:

[Name2 withheld] has recently upgraded his personal system at home and would like to donate the following equipment to the Special Operations Division:

- 1 Zenith 14" color monitor, serial #646-95Z2700
- 1 Panasonic printer, model KXP1091Z
- 1 Zenith keyboard
- 1 Zenith CPU monitor, model FX-248-50, serial #630AH091Z

In your memo you indicated that this offer is made with no expectations.

In considering your request, the Commission reviewed Section 19A-16(e) removing unsolicited gifts to a County agency from the prohibitions of Section 19A-16(c) which concerns accepting gifts under certain circumstances. Therefore, the Police Department is free to accept the donation.

Thank you for bringing this matter to the attention of the Ethics Commission and please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions concerning this or any other matter.

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cc: Barbara McNally, Executive Secretary, Montgomery County Ethics Commission